

DETAILED ACTION

1. This communication is in response to the Notice of Allowance mailed on 07/28/2009. Claims 1-6, 9, 11-14, 18-23, and 28-30 remain pending and have been examined. The Applicants' amendment and remarks have been carefully considered and are in condition for allowance

SUPPLEMENTAL EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

2. Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Michael Badagliacca on 08/21/2009.

The application has been amended as follows:

Replace the following in **Claim 29**: From "The method as claimed in claim 27" **TO** --"The method as claimed in claim 18"--.

Conclusion

3. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

The NPL document by Kim has be re-cited to remove the URL link information. Further, the NPL document discusses processing of speech signals in noisy environments for speech recognition.

4. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to PARAS SHAH whose telephone number is (571)270-

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1650. The examiner can normally be reached on MON.-THURS. 7:30a.m.-4:00p.m. EST.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, David Hudspeth can be reached on (571)272-7843843. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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